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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR IN BAHRAIN

REF: A. MANAMA 519; B. JIDDA 4191

1. DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 19, FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT IRAN HAD FULFILLED ITS PROMISE TO US THAT IT WOULD URGE THE GOB TO PERMIT MIDEASTFOR TO REMAIN IN BAHRAIN. IRAN HAD DISPATCHED AN ENVOY TO BAHRAIN FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS ENVOY AND IRAN'S AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN HAD MET WITH THE AMIR SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER AND THE AMIR WAS PLEASED AND GRATIFIED TO HEAR OF IRAN'S POSITION IN THIS MATTER.

2. KHALATBARI SAID THAT THE AMIR SEEMED DISPOSED TO PERMITTING MIDEASTFOR TO REMAIN IN BAHRAIN BUT MENTIONED THE CONTINUING OPPOSITION OF FOREIGN MINISTER SHEIKH MUBARAK TO THE IDEA. THE AMIR ALSO SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF BAHRAIN HAD SOME WORD FROM SAUDI ARABIA ON THE SUBJECT. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD KHALATBARI THAT WE HAD TALKED WITH PRINCE FAHD ABOUT THIS AND HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT HE INTENDED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH GOB. WE HAD, HOWEVER, NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF WHETHER FAHD HAD, IN FACT, FOLLOWED THROUGH AS HE SAID

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HE WOULD (REFTEL B RECEIVED SUBSEQUENTLY).

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